

# Healthy Food Certification Participation for School Year 2021-22

School districts that choose to implement the healthy food option of Healthy Food Certification (HFC) under [Section 10-215f](#) of the Connecticut General Statutes must follow the [Connecticut Nutrition Standards](#) for all foods sold to students separately from reimbursable school meals. For school year 2021-22, 185 of the 194 eligible districts and schools (95.4 percent) are implementing the healthy food option of HFC. Eligible districts for HFC are public schools that participate in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Public Schools Program (NSLP). Public schools include public school districts, the Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS), charter schools, interdistrict magnet schools, endowed academies, and regional educational service centers.

HFC districts that are new to HFC or have returned to HFC for school year 2021-22 are indicated in **bold**. Schools that participate in the NSLP through an interschool agreement with another school district may choose to implement the healthy food option of HFC if the sponsoring school district implements HFC. These schools are indicated under "Interschool Agreements" on page 3, with the sponsoring district indicated in parentheses.

School districts not listed have either chosen not to implement HFC or are not eligible for HFC. For more information, see the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) [Map of Connecticut School Districts Participating in HFC](#).

## Public School Districts

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| 1. Ansonia Public Schools                          | 20. Chester Public Schools       |
| 2. Ashford Public Schools                          | 21. Clinton Public Schools       |
| 3. Avon Public Schools                             | 22. Colchester Public Schools    |
| 4. Barkhamsted Public Schools                      | 23. Colebrook Public Schools     |
| 5. Berlin Public Schools                           | 24. Coventry Public Schools      |
| 6. Bethany Public Schools                          | 25. Cromwell Public Schools      |
| 7. Bethel Public Schools                           | 26. Danbury Public Schools       |
| 8. Bloomfield Public Schools                       | 27. Deep River Public Schools    |
| 9. Bolton Public Schools                           | 28. Derby Public Schools         |
| 10. Bozrah School District: Fields Memorial School | 29. East Haddam Public Schools   |
| 11. Branford Public Schools                        | 30. East Hampton Public Schools  |
| 12. Bridgeport Public Schools                      | 31. East Hartford Public Schools |
| 13. Bristol Public Schools                         | 32. East Haven Public Schools    |
| 14. Brookfield Public Schools                      | 33. East Lyme Public Schools     |
| 15. Brooklyn Public Schools                        | 34. East Windsor Public Schools  |
| 16. Canterbury Public Schools                      | 35. Ellington Public Schools     |
| 17. Canton Public Schools                          | 36. Essex Public Schools         |
| 18. Chaplin Public Schools                         | 37. Fairfield Public Schools     |
| 19. Cheshire Public Schools                        | 38. Farmington Public Schools    |
|  | 39. Glastonbury Public Schools   |

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40.	Granby Public Schools	82.	Portland Public Schools
41.	<b>Greenwich Public Schools</b>	83.	Preston Public Schools
42.	Griswold Public Schools	84.	Putnam Public Schools
43.	Groton Public Schools	85.	Rocky Hill Public Schools Program
44.	Guilford Public Schools	86.	Salem Public Schools
45.	Hamden Public Schools	87.	Salisbury Public Schools
46.	Hartford Public Schools	88.	Seymour Public Schools
47.	Hartland Public Schools	89.	Sharon Public Schools
48.	Hebron Public Schools	90.	Shelton Public Schools
49.	Kent Center School	91.	Simsbury Public Schools
50.	Killingly Public Schools	92.	Southington Public Schools
51.	Lebanon Public Schools	93.	South Windsor Public Schools
52.	Ledyard Public Schools	94.	Sprague Public Schools
53.	Lisbon Public Schools	95.	Stafford Public Schools
54.	Litchfield Public Schools	96.	Stamford Public Schools
55.	Manchester Public Schools	97.	Stonington Public Schools
56.	Mansfield Public Schools	98.	Stratford Public Schools
57.	Marlborough Public Schools	99.	Suffield Public Schools
58.	Meriden Public Schools	100.	Thomaston Public Schools
59.	Middletown Public Schools	101.	Thompson Public Schools
60.	Milford Public Schools	102.	Tolland Public Schools
61.	Montville Public Schools	103.	Torrington Public Schools
62.	Naugatuck Public Schools	104.	Trumbull Public Schools
63.	New Britain Public Schools	105.	Vernon Public Schools
64.	New Hartford Public Schools	106.	Voluntown Public Schools
65.	New Haven Public Schools	107.	Wallingford Public Schools
66.	Newington Public Schools	108.	Waterbury Public Schools
67.	New London Public Schools	109.	Waterford Public Schools
68.	New Milford Public Schools	110.	Watertown Public Schools
69.	<b>Newtown Public Schools</b>	111.	Westbrook Public Schools
70.	North Branford Public Schools	112.	West Hartford Public Schools
71.	North Canaan Public Schools	113.	West Haven Public Schools
72.	North Haven Public Schools	114.	Wethersfield Public Schools
73.	North Stonington Lunch	115.	Willington Public Schools
74.	Norwalk Public Schools	116.	Winchester Public Schools
75.	Norwich Public Schools	117.	Windham Public Schools
76.	Old Saybrook Public Schools	118.	Windsor Public Schools
77.	Orange Public Schools	119.	Windsor Locks Public Schools
78.	Oxford Public Schools	120.	Wolcott Public Schools
79.	Plainfield Public Schools	121.	Woodbridge Public Schools
80.	Plainville Community Schools	122.	Woodstock Public Schools
81.	Plymouth Public Schools		

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| 123. Regional District 1: Canaan, Cornwall,<br>Kent, North Canaan, Salisbury, Sharon | 130. Regional District 13: Durham,<br>Middlefield    |
| 124. Regional District 4: Chester, Deep River,<br>Essex                              | 131. Regional District 14: Bethlehem,<br>Woodbury    |
| 125. Regional District 5: Bethany, Orange,<br>Woodbridge                             | 132. Regional District 15: Middlebury,<br>Southbury  |
| 126. Regional District 7: Barkhamsted,<br>Colebrook, New Hartford, Norfolk           | 133. Regional District 16: Beacon Falls,<br>Prospect |
| 127. Regional District 8: Andover, Hebron,<br>Marlborough                            | 134. Regional District 17: Haddam,<br>Killingworth   |
| 128. Regional District 9: Easton, Redding  | 135. Regional District 18: Lyme, Old Lyme            |
| 129. Regional District 10: Burlington,<br>Harwinton                                  |  |

### Magnet Schools, Charter Schools, and Regional Education Service Centers (RESCs)

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| 1. ACES  | 12. Highville Charter School, Hamden   |
| 2. Achievement First Bridgeport<br>Academy, Bridgeport | 13. Integrated Day Charter School,<br>Norwich  |
| 3. Amistad Academy, New Haven                          | 14. <b>Interdistrict School for Arts and<br/>Communication (ISAAC)</b> , New<br>London |
| 4. Brass City Charter School, Waterbury                | 15. LEARN  |
| 5. Capital Preparatory Harbor School,<br>Bridgeport    | 16. Park City Prep Charter School,<br>Bridgeport                                       |
| 6. Common Ground High School,<br>New Haven             | 17. <b>Stamford Charter School for the<br/>Excellence</b> , Stamford                   |
| 7. CREC  | 18. The Bridge Academy, Bridgeport   |
| 8. EASTCONN  | 19. <b>The Gilbert School</b> , Winsted  |
| 9. EdAdvance   |  |
| 10. Elm City College Preparatory School                |  |
| 11. Great Oaks Charter School,<br>Bridgeport           |  |

### Interschool Agreements

(Sponsoring district is listed in parentheses)

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| 1. Achievement First (Hartford)  | 6. CES Six to Six Magnet School<br>(Bridgeport) |
| 2. Andover Elementary School (Coventry)                                | 7. CES Special Education Center<br>(Bridgeport) |
| 3. Booker T. Washington (New Haven)                                    | 8. Columbia Horace Porter School<br>(EASTCONN)  |
| 4. <b>Canaan School District: Lee H.<br/>Kellogg School (Region 1)</b> |   |
| 5. CES Cooperative Educational Services<br>(Bridgeport)                |   |

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9. CREC Academy of Aerospace & Engineering (Rocky Hill)
10. CREC Academy of Aerospace & Engineering (Windsor)
11. CREC Academy of Science and Innovation (New Britain)
12. CREC Discovery Academy (Wethersfield)
13. CREC Glastonbury/East Hartford Magnet School (Glastonbury)
14. CREC Learning Corridor Montessori Magnet (Hartford)
15. CREC Museum Academy (Bloomfield)
16. CREC Two Rivers Magnet Middle School (East Hartford)
17. **East Granby Public Schools (Granby)**
18. Edwin O. Smith High School, Mansfield (Region 19: Mansfield)
19. Explorations Charter School (EdAdvance)
20. **Franklin Elementary School (Griswold Public Schools)** *Note: New interschool agreement but not new to HFC (participated in HFC as NSLP sponsor in 2020-21)*
21. Hampton Elementary School (EASTCONN)
22. Jumoke Academy Charter (Hartford)
23. Norfolk: Botelle School (EdAdvance)
24. Odyssey Community School (Manchester)
25. Pomfret Community School (EASTCONN)
26. Region 6: Goshen Center School James Morris Elementary School Warren Elementary School, Wamogo Regional High School (EdAdvance)
27. Region 11: Parish Hill Middle/High School (Chaplin Elementary School)
28. Scotland Elementary School (EASTCONN)
29. Side by Side Community Charter (Norwalk)
30. Sterling Community School (EASTCONN)
31. The Learning Center at East Hampton High School (East Hampton)

### Changes in Participating Districts

All districts (100 percent) that chose to implement the healthy food option of HFC in school year 2020-21 recertified for school year 2021-22. In addition, seven districts and schools are new to HFC or have returned to HFC for school year 2021-22.

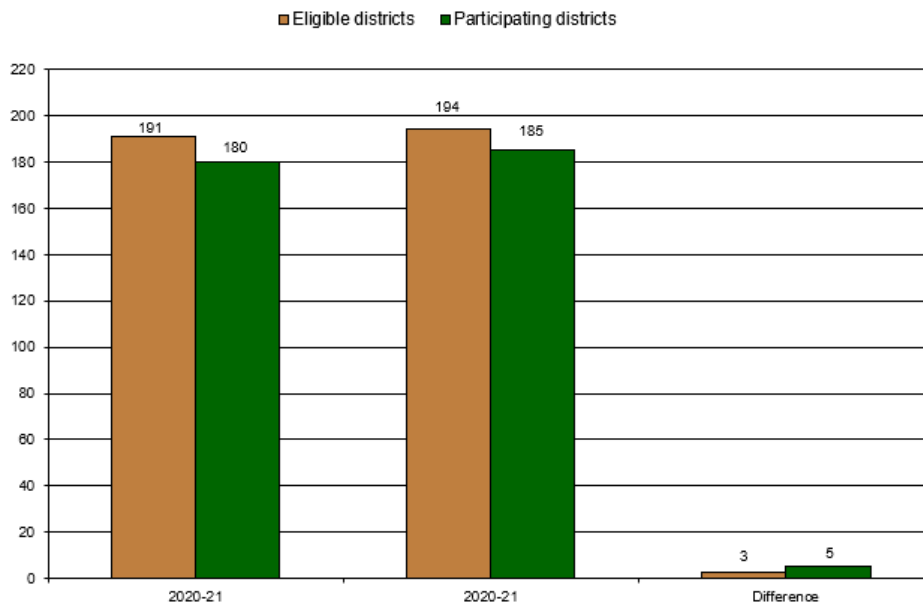
- Canaan School District: Lee H. Kellogg School (interschool agreement with Region 1)
- East Granby Public Schools (interschool agreement with Granby)
- Greenwich Public Schools
- Interdistrict School for Arts and Communication (ISAAC), New London
- Newtown Public Schools
- Stamford Charter School for the Excellence, Stamford
- The Gilbert School, Winsted

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## Changes in Statewide HFC Eligibility and Participation

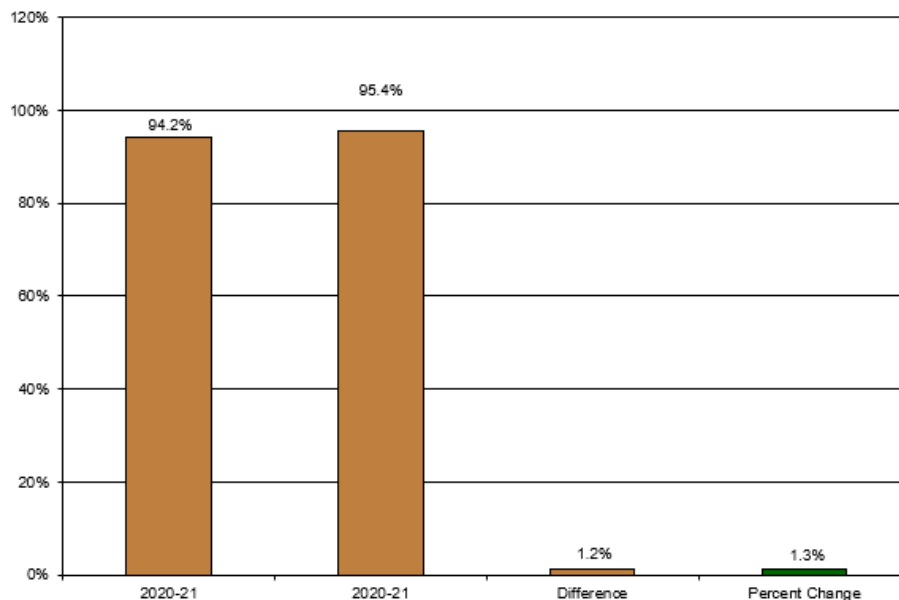
From 2020-21 to 2021-22, the number of districts that were eligible for HFC increased from 191 to 194 districts, while the number of districts choosing to participate in the healthy food option of HFC increased from 180 districts to 185 districts (refer to figure 1).

*Figure 1. Eligible versus participating HFC districts*



HFC participation increased from 94.2 percent in school year 2020-21 to 95.4 percent in school year 2021-22, which is a change of 1.3 percent (refer to figure 2).

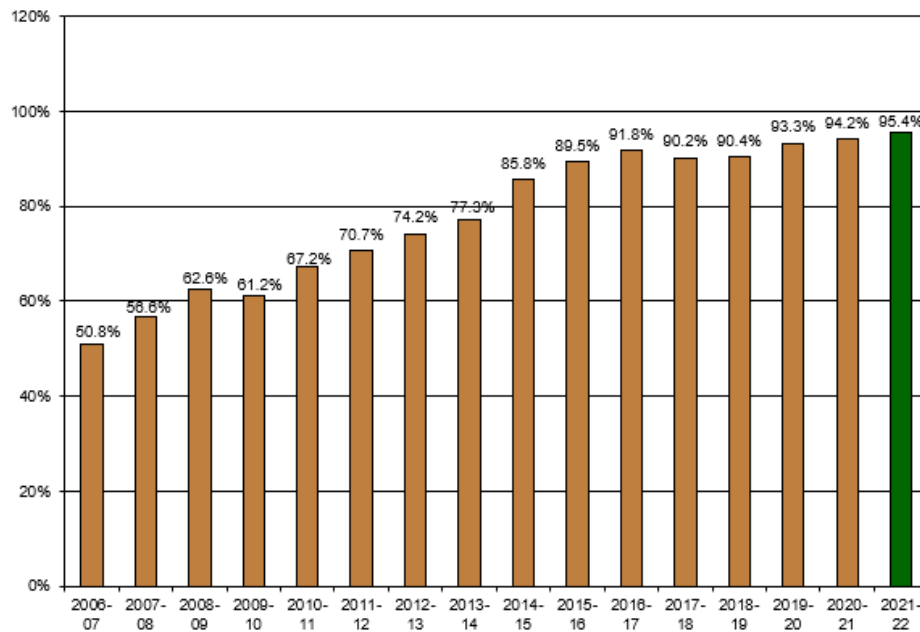
*Figure 2. Change in HFC participation from 2020-21 to 2021-22*



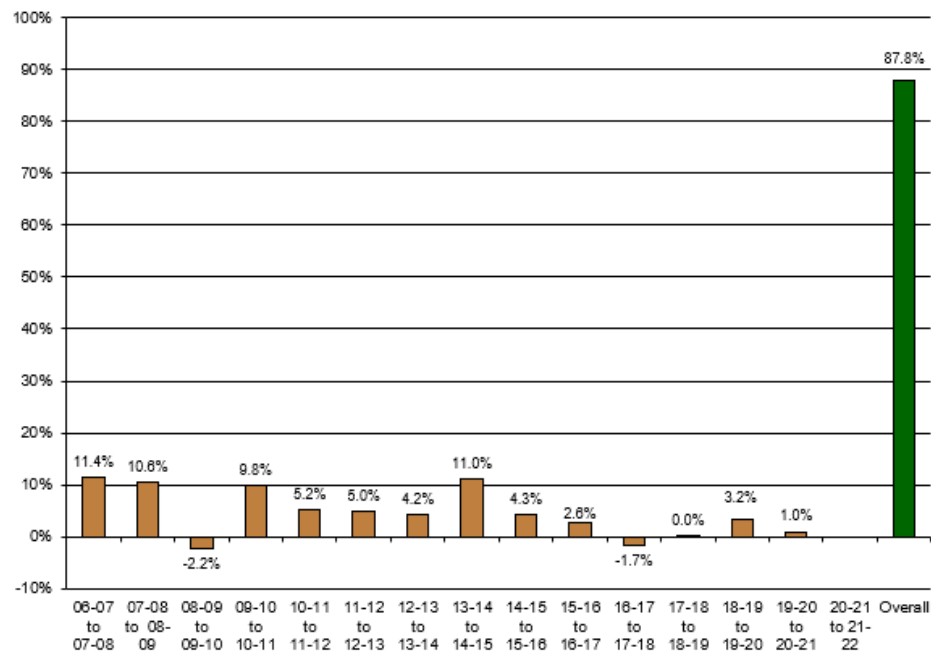
## HFC Participation for School Year 2021-22

The HFC participation rate for school year 2021-22 is 95.2 percent. This is the highest HFC participation rate since HFC began in 2006. Figure 3 shows HFC participation rates since the first year of implementation (school year 2006-07). Figure 4 shows the percentage of change in the HFC participation rates since the first year of implementation.

*Figure 3. HFC participation to date*



*Figure 4. Percentage of change in HFC participation to date*



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## Resources

Complying with Healthy Food Certification Presentation (CSDE):

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/HFC/Complying\\_Healthy\\_Food\\_Certification\\_Presentation.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/HFC/Complying_Healthy_Food_Certification_Presentation.pdf)

Connecticut Nutrition Standards (CSDE webpage):

<https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Nutrition/Connecticut-Nutrition-Standards>

Data on Participation in HFC (CSDE):

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/HFC/Data/HFCdata.pdf>

Healthy Food Certification (CSDE webpage):

<https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Nutrition/Healthy-Food-Certification>

List of Acceptable Foods and Beverages (CSDE webpage):

<https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Nutrition/List-of-Acceptable-Foods-and-Beverages>

Map of Connecticut School Districts Participating in HFC (CSDE):

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/HFC/Data/HFCmap.pdf>

Questions and Answers on Connecticut Statutes for School Foods and Beverages (CSDE):

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/HFC/Questions\\_Answers\\_Connecticut\\_Statutes\\_School\\_Foods\\_Beverages.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/HFC/Questions_Answers_Connecticut_Statutes_School_Foods_Beverages.pdf)

Resources for Meeting the Federal and State Requirements for Competitive Foods in Schools (CSDE):

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/CompFoods/Resources\\_Federal\\_State\\_Requirements\\_Competitive\\_Foods.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/CompFoods/Resources_Federal_State_Requirements_Competitive_Foods.pdf)

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For more information, visit the CSDE's [Healthy Food Certification](#) and [Connecticut Nutrition Standards](#) webpages, or contact the [HFC coordinator](#) in the CSDE's Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 504, Hartford, CT 06103-1841.

This document is available at <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/HFC/Data/HFCschools.pdf>.

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